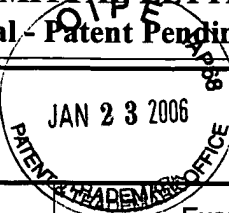
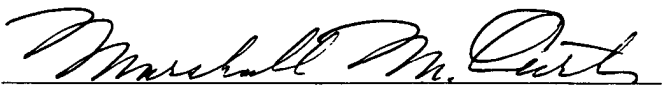


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### STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on July 21, 2004. As of today, a first action on the merits has not been received by this office and it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be provided with a statement of the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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